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SOVIET COMMENT ON MIDEAST SEES 'SHIFT IN AMERICAN POSTURE'

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(TEXT) MOSCOW JULY 11 TASS--TASS NEWS ANALYST SERGEY LOSEV WRITES:

ACCORDING TO AGREEMENT REACHED BY THE TWO SIDES, ADVISER TO THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS HAFIZ ISMA'IL ARRIVED IN MOSCOW TODAY. IN A STATEMENT MADE BEFORE DEPARTURE AT CAIRO AIRPORT, ISMA'IL SAID THE TRIP WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS ON THE WORLD SCENE IN GENERAL AND THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

AS FOR THE SOVIET ASSESSMENT OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION PREVAILING IN THE MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE OF TEL AVIV, IT IS WELL-KNOWN AND CANNOT BE DISTORTED. SPEAKING TODAY AT A GRAND MEETING IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE WAS PRESENTED THE INTERNATIONAL LENIN PRIZE FOR CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE BETWEEN PEOPLES GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV EMPHASIZED, "ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TODAY IS, AND WE ARE CONVINCED OF IT, TO LIQUIDATE THE SEAT OF AGGRESSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT CANNOT BE TOLERATED ANY MORE THAT AGGRESSORS AND ADVENTURERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ALL OF AN ENORMOUS REGION IN AN EXPLOSIVE STATE.

"THE RIGHTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLES, WHO ARE THE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION, SHOULD BE FULLY GUARANTEED, ISRAEL'S TROOPS SHOULD BE PULLED OUT FROM ALL THE CAPTURED ARAB LANDS. PEACE, SECURITY AND THE STATE FRONTIERS OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST SHOULD BE GUARANTEED. AS FOR US, WE SHALL CONTINUE FIRM IN THIS COURSE AND NONE OTHER."

THIS IS THE COURSE TO WHICH THE SOVIET UNION ADHERED FIRMLY AT THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING IN JUNE. DURING TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, LEONID BREZHNEV CLEARLY STATED THE USSR'S POSITION CONCERNING WAYS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. IN A DECISION OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITICAL BUREAU, OF THE USSR SUPREME SOVIET AND THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT PAID BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO THE USA, IT WAS INDICATED THAT "THE BASIS FOR A JUST SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS THE WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ALL OF THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES."

THE SOVIET UNION'S POSITION IS SUPPORTED BY ALL THOSE IN THE ARAB EAST WHO ARE SINCERELY INTERESTED IN THE SPEEDY ELIMINATION OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION. THE FIGHTERS AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM ARE, THESE DAYS, SHOWING DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF HOW DETERIMENTAL THE ATTEMPTS OF REACTIONARY FORCES TO HOLD THE GENUINE FRIENDS OF THE ARAB EAST RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN MISCALCULATIONS, ARE TO THE INTERESTS OF THE ARAB PEOPLES THEMSELVES. IT IS INDICATIVE THAT THE LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, WHO ARE IN THE VANGUARD OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ISRAELI AGGRESSION, EXPRESS GRATIFICATION WITH THE RESULTS OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT TALKS. TO REMIND YOU, THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMUNIQUE, SIGNED BY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LEONID BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT OF THE USA RICHARD NIXON ON JUNE 24TH, SET FORTH THAT THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT SHOULD BE MADE WITH AN EYE TO THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF THE PALESTINE PEOPLE. THE SHIFT IN AMERICAN POSTURE WAS ACHIEVED THANKS TO THE HIGHLY PRINCIPLED POSITION OF THE SOVIET UNION.

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(TEXT) SOME REACTIONARY PRESS ORGANS AND ANTI-COMMUNISTICALLY MINDED FIGURES IN THE ARAB WORLD STILL CONTINUE THEIR ATTEMPTS TO DISTORT THE WORTHWHILE RESULTS OF THE VISIT TO THE USA AND TO CIRCULATE LIES ABOUT THE USSR RETREATING FROM SUPPORT OF THE ARAB EFFORTS AND AGREEING TO SOME KIND OF A COLLUSION BETWEEN THE SUPER-POWERS IN RELATION TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE AUTHORS OF THESE LIES ACTUALLY ADD GRIST TO THE MILL OF ZIONIST PROPAGANDA, WHICH HAD STARTED A MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT THE TALKS LONG BEFORE THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT BEGAN.

IN A BID TO SOMEHOW BOLSTER THEIR LIES, THE SLANDERERS TALK A LOT ABOUT THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL ALLUSION TO THE NOVEMBER, 22, 1967, DECISION OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE SOVIET-AMERICAN COMMUNIQUE. THERE IS LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT THIS. IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE SIDES SET FORTH THEIR SUPPORT OF THE NOVEMBER DECISION IN THE SOVIET-AMERICAN DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SIGNED BACK AT THE TIME OF THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING IN MAY OF 1972. IT WAS AS CLOSE AS JUNE WHEN THE SOVIET SPOKESMAN IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE USSR'S LOYALTY TO THE DECISION.

WHAT'S MORE, HE INDICATED COMPLETE SOVIET SUPPORT OF THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, DATED DECEMBER 13, 1971, AND DECEMBER 8, 1972, WHICH SATISFY EGYPT AND THE OTHER INDEPENDENT ARAB COUNTRIES TO AN EVEN GREATER EXTENT BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN EVEN MORE RADICAL PROVISIONS FOR LIQUIDATING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION. UNSWERVING SOVIET SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS WILL NO DOUBT BE FELT WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS IN THE SECOND HALF OF JULY.

BUT THE MAIN THING IS THAT THE USSR CONSOLIDATES ITS DIPLOMATIC BACKING OF THE FAIR POSITION OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES, WHO SUFFERED AGGRESSION, BY GIVING BROAD ASSISTANCE IN OTHER FIELDS, INCLUDING THE MILITARY FIELD.

WHEN HE MADE A SPEECH IN MOSCOW TODAY, STATE MINISTER OF THE IRAQI REPUBLIC 'AZIZ SHARIFH SAID THE ARAB PEOPLES SHALL NEVER FORGET HOW THEY BENEFITTED FROM THE SOVIET POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY. HE SAID, WE SHALL EVER REMEMBER THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVED FROM THE SOVIET UNION IN OUR EFFORTS TO REPEL THE 1956 TRIPLE AGGRESSION AGAINST EGYPT AND THE 1967 ISRAELI AGGRESSION WHEN THE ARAB DEFENCE LINES WERE DESTROYED AND THE AGGRESSOR CROWED IN TRIUMPH." HE SAID THE ARABS SHALL NEVER FORGET THE ENORMOUS SOVIET AID IN CONSOLIDATING ARAB DEFENCES, IN BUILDING THE HIGH ASWAN DAM AND

IN SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ DURING THE NATIONALISATION OF THE "IRAQ PETROLEUM COMPANY".

THE ARAB PEOPLES MUST UNITE AND MOBILISE THE POTENTIALLY POWERFUL FORCES OF THE ARAB WORLD AND CONSOLIDATE TIME-TESTED FRIENDSHIP FOR THE SAKE OF TRIUMPH IN THE DIFFICULT STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM.

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